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SUBJECT: SWEDISH ACCEPTANCE OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

REF: STATE 196687

1. MISOFF DISCUSSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH UNHCR OFFICIALS (HORDIJK, DEMMER, PAEFFGEN, SOEPRAPTO) QUESTION OF SWEDISH ACCEPTANCE OF INCREASING NUMBERS OF REFUGEES FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA.

2. UNHCR IS AWARE THAT THE SWEDES ARE REASSESSING THEIR REFUGEE POLICIES AND WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THERE ARE FAVORABLE SIGNS THAT THE ANNUAL QUOTA MAY BE INCREASED. UNHCR RESETTLEMENT OFFICER, MS. H. BRISSIMI HAS BEEN INVITED BY THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER IN STOCKHOLM TOWARD THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

3. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST THAT THE UNHCR FAVORABLY CONSIDER PRESENTING THE SWEDES WITH A SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER NUMBER OF DIFFICULT CASES FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA, THERE WAS A RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF UNHCR TO DO SO AT  
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THIS TIME. THE UNHCR OFFICIALS POINTED OUT THAT GIVEN THE UNRESTRICTIVE AND SWIFT RESPONSE OF THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT TO REQUESTS FOR RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES WITH SEVERE PHYSICAL HANDICAPS OR WHERE THE TIME FACTOR IS CRUCIAL, THE UNHCR PREFERS TO USE THE LIMITED SWEDISH QUOTA FOR SUCH CASES BASED ON GLOBAL NEEDS (THE OFFICIALS ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THERE WAS A TILT IN FAVOR OF LATIN

AMERICAN REFUGEES SINCE THIS WAS A PREFERENCE OF THE  
SWEDISH GOVERNMENT.)

4. UNHCR OFFICIALS TOOK NOTE OF THE MISSION'S REPRESENTATION AND SAID THAT DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF MS. BRISSIMI'S DISCUSSIONS IN SEPTEMBER, IT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE TO INCREASE BOTH THE ACTUAL NUMBERS AS WELL AS THE RATIO OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN REFUGEES TO BE RESETTLED IN SWEDEN.  
VANDEN HEUVEL

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